



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Business & Workforce Diversity
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DBE Program Policy Statement

The Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT), 49 CFR part 26. The Department has received federal financial assistance from US DOT, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, Department has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR part 26.

It is the policy of the Department to ensure that DBEs, as defined in part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in US DOT-assisted contracts. It is also our policy:

1. To ensure nondiscrimination in the award and administration of US DOT-assisted contracts;
2. To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for US DOT-assisted contracts;
3. To ensure that the DBE program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
4. To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
5. To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in US DOT-assisted contracts; and
6. To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

The Department has disseminated this policy statement and program document to the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Transit Administration and to all the components of the Department. The Department has posted this statement on its web site for DBE and non-DBE businesses that perform work for the Department on US DOT-assisted contracts. The Department will continue to carry out this program until all funds from US DOT financial assistance have been expended. Updates will be provided to US DOT representing significant changes in the program.

Signed this 22nd day of August, 2003 in the City of Springfield, Illinois.

Timothy W. Martin, Secretary
Illinois Department of Transportation